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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANAA 1156

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SUBJECT: HAMDI TO RIYADH.

REF: SANA 1146

1. PRESIDENT HAMDI LEFT SUDDENLY FOR RIYADH THIS MORNING (MAY 16)
ACCOMPANIED BY SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAYRI AND BY SEVERAL YEMENI MILITARY

AND POLITICAL FIGURES. (I WAS UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH SPECIFIC
INDIVIDUALS AT THE AIRPORT, BUT WAS TOLD THAT FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ

WAS IN PARTY.)

2. COMMENT: AS RECENTLY REPORM F JOSANA 1146), CHIEF OF STAFF GHASHMI

ASKED ME ON MAY 6 IF I THOUGHT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AT THIS TIME BY
HIGH-RANKING YEMENI DELEGATION WOULD BE GOOD IDEA. I REPLIED IN
AFFIRMATIVE. YEMENIS HAVE BEEN KICKING AROUND THIS IDEA FOR SOME
TIME BUT EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE DOUBTLESS CRYSTALLIZED IN
TTEIR MINDS NEED FOR URGENT HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR SAUDI
NEIGHBORS. (HAMDI BROKE OFF TRIP TO TAIZ TO RETURN LAST NIGHT TO
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SANA.) HAMDI WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SEEKING FURTHER MATERIAL AND

MORAL SUPPORT FOR HIS REGIME AND HIS RECENT ACTIONS. HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO RIYADH AS A SUPPLIAT, HOWEVER, AND I HOPE THE SAUDIS APPRECIATE THIS FACT. WHILE THE SAUDIS HAVE MUCH TO OFFICER THEIR POOR YEMENI BRETHREN, THE LATTER ALSO ARE IN A POSITION TO RENDER SIGNAL SERVICE TO THEIR RICH NEIGHBORS. A STRONG AND STABLE YEMEN CAN BE A MAJOR FORCE HELPING THE SAUDIS TO MAINTAIN THE FORCES OF MODERATION AND PRO-WESTERN POLICY IN THE PENINSULA AND IN THE STRATEGIC RED SEA AREA.

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MCN'S WILL BE ASSIGNED OOB MAY 17

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